



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill congratulates Bishop Seraphim of Sendai on the 10th anniversary of his episcopal consecration**

*The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church sent his greetings to Bishop Seraphim of Sendai and Eastern Japan diocese of the Autonomous Orthodox Church of Japan with his Name Day and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his episcopal consecration. The text of His Holiness' message is given below:*

### **Your Grace:**

As the Holy Church commemorates today your Heavenly Patron and intercessor, St. Seraphim of Sarov the Wonderworker, I cordially greet you with your Name Day and with a remarkable date – the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your episcopal consecration.

The Lord vouchsafed you to preach the salutary Truth of Orthodoxy in the country that has traditionally valued wise words and cordial human relations. That is why the good seeds planted there by the efforts of St. Nicholas of Japan 150 years ago have brought about good fruits. You have worthily continued the mission of Christian education at the high position of Bishop of Sendai for the last ten years.

May our Lord and Saviour give you strength in your responsible ministry and grant you generously good health and quiet life, multiplying the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the good of clerics and flock entrusted to your care.

With love in Christ,

**+KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**